

# APPROVAL OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE BY THE HERMOSA BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO AB 481

February 3, 2026



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Pursuant to Assembly Bill 481, City Council is required to review and renew the Military Use Policy, renew the ordinance at a regular meeting, and receive an annual report prepared by HBPD to continue the use of military equipment.

# BACKGROUND

- Effective January 1, 2022, CA State AB 481 established requirements for funding, acquisition, and use of items defined as “military equipment” by local and state law enforcement agencies.
- Requires law enforcement agencies to adopt policies for military equipment use, raising funds, or acquiring military equipment.



# BACKGROUND

- At its April 26, 2022 meeting, City Council introduced and waived the first reading of Ordinance 22-1446 adopting a Military Use Equipment Policy pursuant to AB 481.
- Since then, the Ordinance and the Annual Military Equipment has been reviewed and renewed.



# DISCUSSION

- Since the adoption of Ordinance No. 22-1446, HBPD has not received community complaints, concerns, or initiated internal investigations regarding its use.
- Policy 706 – Military Equipment was posted on the City's website on 9/11/24 and remains available for public view.
- The Annual Military Equipment Report covers the period of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.
  - On March 5, 2025, HBPD purchased eight 40mm Tactical Single Launchers



# RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. Review and renew Ordinance No. 22-1446, an ordinance of the City of Hermosa Beach adopting Military Use Equipment, in accordance with Assembly Bill 481; and
2. Receive and file the Annual Military Equipment Report.

